

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 30, 2004. Claims 1-39 are pending in the Application. Claim 9 is amended by the present amendment in order to simply correct an informality.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for publication.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for publication, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representatives at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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